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BRITISH PARLIAMENT REFUSES TO CENSURE ITS LEADERS.

Resolutions Criticising Lord Salisbury and Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Find but Few Supporters--The Reply to the Speech Passed by a Great Majority-- Brilliant Speech by Chamberlain.

London, Dec. 10.—In the House of Commons today, after some desultory discussion, Mr. Joseph Walton, Radical, withdrew his amendment offered Friday last, to the address (that more adequate measures should be taken to safeguard the interests of China, that no demand should be made on the Chinese government for the punishment of Chinese officials which could not be equally imposed in the case of a European power and that reparation should be sought in trade facilities, rather than money indemnity), and Mr. G. C. T. Bartley, Conservative, moved an amendment to the address, asking the house to express regret at the fact that Lord Salisbury had recommended several of his own family to offices under the government.

One-fifth of the cabinet members, Mr. Bartley said, are of the same family, some would obey their fathers, and some law and nephew would yield to the same influence. Such conditions precluded an independent inquiry into the army failures in South Africa and were calculated to impair gravely the efficiency of the public service and diminish the chances of reform in national defence. The same work-worm of nepotism had entered the army and navy, and it was the general opinion that many of the disasters in South Africa were traceable to officers who had obtained their commissions by family influence.

When the premier's nephew, Mr. A. J. Balfour, rose to reply, the house was filled with expectation. He said the unhappy accident of birth could not be a bar to public service. There was only one member of Lord Salisbury's family in the present government who was not in the last. Mr. Balfour added, had not shown that the appointees complained of were incapable, while the country at the recent election had shown confidence that the premier would carry out with ability and integrity his thankless, heart-breaking task.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 230 to 128. Mr. D. Lloyd-George, Radical, member for Carmarvon district, brought together a series of accusations against Mr. Chamberlain that had been figuring in the newspapers and moved that no member of the government ought to have a direct or indirect interest in concerns competing for government contracts. He pointed out that the secretary of state for the colonies held 5,000 shares in the Metal Company, contractors to the admiralty, and shares valued at £250,000 in Kynoch's Dynamite Company, contractors to the war office. After enumerating other companies in which the Chamberlain family, he asserted, had interests, Mr. George declared that he was not attacking the private character of the minister, but had raised the matter because "this case might be used as a precedent later to justify corruption."

After various speeches for and against the resolution, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "It is my personal honor that is involved in this question," he said, "and I think it hard, after 25 years of life in the full light of parliament, to have to stand up and explain that I am not a scandalous thief. These attacks are monstrous and absurd. I took no notice of the charges during the election, although there had been a conspiracy of insinuation. I had been charged with falsifying on the profits of a war I had profited on the profits of 'Of all the companies mentioned, I hold shares in two. My relations intend to take legal proceedings and the public will

PARLIAMENT IS TO MEET ON FEBRUARY SIXTH.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—(Special)—At the meeting of the cabinet today it was decided to summon parliament for election of speaker and despatch of business on Wednesday, February 6. It is not expected that the session will be a long one. There are good reasons for this. In the first place it is not likely that there will be any government legislation to provoke undue discussion. In the second place, some of those who talked for mere talk's sake, and who were responsible for prolonging the sessions, have been defeated. The opposition, too, are inadequately in

MILLIONS IN RECORD TIME. A Big Appropriation After Ten Minutes Debate.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The first of the great supply bills, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, was passed by the house today in record time. The bill carries \$24,496,408 and has 131 pages, but there was less than ten minutes debate upon it. Mr. Bingham (P. A.), who was in charge of the measure, tendered his thanks to the house for the confidence shown in the appropriations committee. It required about three hours for the clerk to read the bill. No other business was transacted.

NO POLICIES. To Be Issued Until the Victoria-Montreal Shareholders Meet.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—(Special)—The proceedings authorized by the insurance act having been taken by the superintendent of insurance in reference to the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance Company, it has as a result thereof been arranged between the department and the company that no new business is to be written either by issue of new policies or by way of renewals pending the holding of a special general meeting of the shareholders which has been called for the purpose.

A FRIGID STORY. How the Mercury Gamboled About Zero.

THE WEATHER MAN Says It Is Not Cold But You Only Think So--The Cold Wave Still Wears an Air of Permanency--Why Thermometers Differ.

Zero weather descended upon us early this season and with an unusually high wind which was produced by the high wind. The cold wave was first indicated on Saturday, when a severe temperature set in over the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, following rapidly towards the maritime provinces after the passage of the heavy storm on Sunday. When the mercury commenced falling on Sunday it "went down with a rush," to use a weather bureau phrase, the drop inside of 14 hours being 49 degrees. During that period the minimum was reached yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, when the official registration of Director Hutchinson, of the local observatory, was two degrees below zero.

Yesterday the mercury hovered just above the ether mark most of the day, while the wind gusted most of a 40 mile an hour clip. Last night, at 8 o'clock, two below was again recorded, with a steady wind velocity of 40 miles an hour. The wave appeared with such a suddenness that it was felt with more severity than usual because last night when the temperature registered about zero D. L. Hutchinson, the weather bureau man, refused to admit it was "very cold," the remark he was greeted with by a reporter. "You will find it a difficult matter," he said, "to measure below zero, but it is not very cold." He expressed his view saying that the high wind which produced the low temperature was the cause of the low reading, particularly the exposed parts, was chiefly responsible for the sting which precipitation felt. The expert implied there would be no sting if there was no wind, as this element did not raise or lower the temperature.

That's the way it was felt yesterday morning. When asked for an explanation regarding the variation, Director Hutchinson said the only explanation was that glasses which gave such a low reading were not exposed to the meteorological service is provided with a hundred of them might be distributed at points above the city and there would not be a variation of over half a degree, if the glasses were exposed so there would be no radiation of heat.

Following are the minimum and maximum temperatures recorded in other cities yesterday: Winnipeg, 16 below, 6. Port Arthur, 12 below, 8. Pelly Sound, 12 below, 14. Toronto, 10-18. Ottawa, 14 below, 6. Montreal, 12 below, 2 below. Quebec, 12 below, 0 below. Charlottetown, zero. New York, 18 above. Sydney, 14 above. Yarmouth, 12 above. Chatham, zero. Grand Manan, 2 below.

It Would Cut You at Fredericton. Fredericton, Dec. 10.—(Special)—This is the coldest day yet. The thermometer registered eight degrees below zero this morning. A high wind prevailed, making the cold extremely penetrating.

Seven Above at Halifax. Halifax, Dec. 10.—(Special)—The cold wave struck Halifax early this morning, and the weather continued cold all day. The wind blew a gale from the northwest. The thermometer went down to seven above. The wind is going down tonight, and the cold is decreasing slightly.

BEAT OFF A FOOTPAD. A Bold Act by Ex-Premier Peters.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 10.—Hon. Alfred Peters, ex-premier of Prince Edward Island, was driving home late Saturday night, when he saw a man with a revolver in his hand in the act of robbing a citizen. Seeing that Mr. Peters was armed, he leaped from the cab and rushed to the highwayman pointed the revolver at him as he approached, but before he could shoot, Mr. Peters gave him a terrific blow on the head with the butt end of the whip. The man was stunned for a moment, but before he could be seized he managed to escape in the darkness. Vancouver has been infested with footpads lately and holdups of prominent citizens have been frequent.

Smallpox in New York. New York, Dec. 10.—Now cases of smallpox have been reported to the board of health since Saturday. One of the cases was that of James Killoran, a street car conductor, who has been travelling back and forth through the city on his car since becoming infected with the disease. The other case reported was that of a three-year-old boy.

Fifteen Years of Quiet Life. Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Joshua Clark Johnston, an on election night killed Clark Johnston in a barroom brawl, was sent to Sing Sing prison for 15 years this afternoon. Harrison is an ex-convict and was on the Texas in the fight of Santiago.

CHAFFEE AND VON WALTERSE, A Row Over the Removal of Astronomical Instruments.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The German government has not taken official notice of General Chaffee's letter to Count Von Waldersee complaining of the removal of the astronomical instruments from the wall of Peking, and the return of the letter to the American commander "on account of its tone."

Only a few of the papers print the incident in their news columns. The Vossische Zeitung remarks: "Whatever the cause, General Chaffee had in no case a right to use such rough language in a letter to the commander-in-chief." The Berliner Tageblatt observes: "We must, of course, reserve a definite judgment until reliable German reports have been received. Whoever knows, however, of the generally acknowledged diplomatic tact of Count Von Waldersee, will not doubt that he will not have employed such a brusque procedure without the strongest kind of provocation."

NO TRACE. Of the Thieves Who Stole Relics of Nelson. London, Dec. 10.—No trace has been found of the thieves who, on Saturday last, stole several relics of Lord Nelson, including his watch and many of his medals from Greenwich Hospital. The belief in Greenwich is that the deprecators were French, owing to the alleged discovery of a letter in broken English left behind, in which the writer promised to return and carry off a French flag which is among the relics.

The vandals abstracted almost everything portable. Even the gold hits of the swords were prenched from the blades and the gold and jewels were stripped from the sabres. They also broke Nelson's sword of honor.

JOCKEYED GERMANY. The American Secretary Beated the Kaiser.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—It is now denying upon the German press and public that Mr. Hay, the American secretary of state, has secured an out-and-out diplomatic victory in obliging the powers, Germany included, to yield to his arguments in the preliminary joint note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries. This clearly defined defeat is especially bitter here, because Emperor William had set his heart on imposing the preliminary joint note on the Chinese and thus emphasizing Germany's power in their eyes.

STRIKE COMPLETE. Telegraphers Say They Have Tied Up the Santa Fe.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Officials of the Santa Fe system claim that the telegraphers' strike on their lines is practically over and point to the fact that almost without exception their passenger trains were on yesterday morning. When asked for an explanation regarding the variation, Director Hutchinson said the only explanation was that glasses which gave such a low reading were not exposed to the meteorological service is provided with a hundred of them might be distributed at points above the city and there would not be a variation of over half a degree, if the glasses were exposed so there would be no radiation of heat.

FIRE IN WOODSTOCK. A Restaurant Badly Damaged.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 10.—(Special)—T. V. Monahan's restaurant, known as "The Hoffman," on Connell street, was badly damaged by fire this afternoon. The fire caught from a defective chimney. The fire was under control in half an hour. The building is owned by James C. Doherty, of St. John, and is insured in the Northern Insurance Company for \$500.

FOR CHINESE PURPOSES ONLY. German Expeditionary Force Must Dissolve.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The budget committee of the Reichstag has adopted a resolution that the Chinese expeditionary corps must be dissolved after it has finished its duty in China.

AGAINST THE DUKE. London, Dec. 10.—The appeal court has dismissed the appeal of the Duke of Marlborough and has confirmed the decision of Judge Byrne in the Chancery division of the High Court of Justice in March last, which gave Lillian, Duchess of Marlborough (formerly Mrs. Louis Hamersley of New York, and now Lady William Bessborough) a jointure of £1,500 yearly.

CHIEF OF POLICE RESIGNS. Lt. Col. Hughes of Montreal Asks to be Relieved.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Lieut. Col. Hughes, superintendent of the Montreal police force, today sent in his resignation to the city council. The resignation is to take effect at the end of the year. Action upon the resignation was deferred.

AGAINST ABSINTH. Chamber of Deputies Resolves to Investigate.

Paris, Dec. 10.—In the Chamber of Deputies today, M. Marie Edouard Vaillant, Socialist, one of the deputies for the department of the Seine, moved a resolution, calling upon the government to prohibit the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors pronounced "dangerous" by the academy of medicine.

The resolution was aimed at absinth, the consumption of which has nearly doubled in France since 1884, and now stands at 10,000,000 litres annually. M. Vaillant and others denounced the spread of absinth drinking and laid stress upon its ravages among the population. "The increase of absinth consumption," said the mover of the resolution, "marches arm in arm with the increase of cases of drizzling insanity, which will end by becoming a national malady."

The chamber adopted the resolution unanimously. Col. Picquet, who was so prominently identified with the Dreyfus case, has addressed a memorial to the Chamber protesting against the amnesty bill, which he says will include him among "the forgers and utterers of forgeries, which will profit by amnesty."

TROUBLES OF A HUSBAND. Says Wife's Suit for Divorce a Surprise.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—(Special)—When seen at his residence, 229 Theodore street, regarding the action for divorce brought by his wife, Charles A. Gough stated that the notice came as a surprise. It was a year ago that Mrs. Gough left her home and he did not dream of her taking the action she had. He is identified. He said he felt quite confident that his friends appreciated and realized his unfortunate position, a position gained through no fault of his.

LIVE STOCK BREEDERS. From the Maritime Provinces Bound West.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—(Special)—A party of 25 prominent breeders and farmers from the maritime provinces passed through the city today on the way to the Midwinter Livestock Fair at Guelph. Among the party were Secretary Wood, of the Halifax Industrial Exhibition, Secretary Smallwood, of Charlottetown, Secretary Association, and Charles Hill, of Truro. "We are coming west to get ideas for our own eastern fairs," said Mr. Hill, "and to take some live stock back with us." The party will be in Guelph all week.

PREACHER AGAIN FREE. Rev. D. E. Stuart Discharged a Second Time.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 10.—Rev. D. E. Stuart, a minister of Wyoming, this county, who was discharged by Judge Woodward last week on habeas corpus proceedings following the death of his wife under suspicious circumstances, and immediately re-arrested on complaint of his wife's father, was today again discharged from custody.

MISS GONNE SUPPRESSED. Police Prevent Her Holding a Bear Meeting in Liverpool.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—The pro-Ber meeting called for this evening at which Miss Maud Gonno was to preside, was prohibited by the police. Despite the warning, however, she endeavored to address an open air meeting in the Irish quarter of the city, but the police interfered and dispersed the gathering.

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The chancellor added that when the suggestion of mediation was made to Great Britain by the United States in a quite gently worded inquiry, it was rejected officially and categorically. Intervention might have led to war. The chancellor described the reply of M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, to Mr. Kruger, as: "France will in no case take the initiative, but would not oppose it when certain events, which became known, provided they were calculated to serve French interests."

THE CANADIANS SAIL FROM LIVERPOOL TUESDAY MORNING.

Given a Hearty Send Off in London and Liverpool--News From Africa--Knox and DeWet Fighting.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—(Special)—Further reports were received today at the militia department from South Africa. Lt. Col. Evans, commanding the 2nd battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles, sends a report for the week ending October 31. He states that Private Weber was killed, and not wounded as at first reported, in a night attack at Nootgedacht, October 23. On October 23rd Lt. Davidson took over the last troop of "D" squadron replacing Lt. Bili, transferred to Nootgedacht. Col. Evans states that he purchased £15 3s. worth of tobacco cigarettes and candy for the men, with funds received from the Canadian ladies and the London Red Cross Fund. Executive strength of the battalion was 229.

Lt. Col. Drury's report is dated at Pretoria. After referring to points where the battery is located, he says Lt. Murray refused a lieutenantancy in R. F. A. Col. Drury says that he wrote information to headquarters concerning the time of the expiry of the men, which was on the 27th December, but had got no official reply. Lord Kitchener says that he would arrange for a transport about Dec. 1st.

Col. Otter's report deals with the departure of the balance of the contingent, which sailed from Cape Town to Southampton on the way home to Canada by the transport Havenden Castle. Before sailing the contingent was thanked by the mayor of the city and the military secretary to Sir Alfred Milner for its services to the colony. Col. Otter was senior officer in command of the troops on board. He says the voyage to England was a pleasant one and without incident. The Canadian officers embarked were Col. Otter, Lt. Col. Buchan, Sergt. Major Fiat, Capt. Bursall, Capt. Macdonald, Chaplain Almond, Lieut. Lawless, Mason, Swift, Lafferty, Temple, Carpenter, Caldwell and Cosby. The Middlesex regiment was attached. Canada by the transport Havenden Castle, received a telegram from Lord Roberts, dated Johannesburg November 4, expressing his regrets at his not being able to say good bye to all the officers, non-commissioned and men. He says he is proud to have had the regiment under his command and would remember the good service it did in South Africa, especially at Paardeberg.

The following Canadians were discharged in South Africa: Ptes. Roberts, Moodie, Doucet, Tierney, Walters, Dalberg, Andrews, Mullock, Morrison, Walbridge, Corps, MacNeil and Fowle. The following were left in South Africa in hospitals: Capt. Weeks, Lance Corps; Soper and Beecher, Privates Chisholm, Welsh, Wilkie, Williams, Gerhardt, Landon, Allen, Leo Smith, Mackintosh, Jones and Barnstead.

THE BURNING OF FARM BUILDINGS IN AFRICA. Cape Town, Dec. 10.—In a memorandum to the premier of Cape Colony, Sir Gordon Sprigg Lord Roberts explains that farm burning has been ordered strictly in accordance with the usages of war.

He says in part: "Whether the people whose houses are burned are actual accessories to the cutting of railways and other damage must be left to the general officers commanding to decide. They must be trusted to make a full inquiry before having recourse to extreme measures; but, as this is essentially police work, I anticipate that when the police are established, we shall find the necessity for burning gradually diminished. It is no danger of the innocent suffering and that my successor will eventually be able to abolish such treatment."

THE BOER HAS TAKEN HOLLAND. Kruger Thanks His German Brothers for Sympathy.

The Hague, Dec. 10.—Mr. Kruger today received a deputation on the All-Deutscher Verband and thanked his German brothers for their tokens of sympathy. Later Mr. Kruger returned the foreign minister's visit. The Portuguese minister to the Netherlands, Count De Selder, has started for Lisbon, and the Dutch minister to Portugal, Baron Van Heeckeren is expected here from Lisbon this evening. Count Van Eylland, in the second chamber today notified the foreign minister that he would interpellate the government tomorrow on the tension between the Netherlands and Portugal.

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MR. ALLISON WISHART, Traveling Agent for the Daily and Weekly Telegraph is now going through Nova Scotia.

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who can bring a judicial mind to bear on the subject will be ready to admit that the general attack on the government was characterized by unfairness and misrepresentation. It does not pay to be unfair even in party warfare.

It may be regarded as safe tactics in a contest to present a confident front to the people as polling day draws near. Both sides in the struggle generally do that, regardless of their honest expectations.

Before the recent election it was one of the great grievances against the Minister of Railways by the Tory party that he had closed the Kingston Locomotive Works, by sending orders for engines to the United States.

Looking back over the recent campaign will occur to the reflective mind that serious mistakes were made by the leaders of the opposition. It would be idle to pretend that mistakes of judgment were not made on the other side as well.

One illustration, conspicuously in evidence during the struggle, will make this clear. The Conservative leaders were the ready and wholly responsible for the social and religious issues which exercised a large influence in the other province.

The Sun publishes a statement from Mr. G. M. Bosworth, traffic manager of the C. P. R. to the effect that the company's traffic through the port of St. John will be much less this year than it was in previous winters, owing to the late date at which an agreement with the government

was made. Mr. Bosworth does not state what agreement has been made with the government. In fact the existence of any special agreement made with the government since the election is distinctly denied by the Minister of Railways, who is in a position to know all about the matter.

The statement that the government proposes to appoint six additional senators is probably not correct. The appointment of this number of senators was left in reserve in the case of a deadlock, if some important bill had been rejected by the senate which the government thought it necessary to pass.

The revenue of Canada continues to increase by leaps and bounds. It was thought that the highest point had been reached during the past fiscal year, but it seems that during the current year the revenue will be still larger.

On a tiny island in the Pacific, about 1,000 miles northeast of Australia, lives an American colony of vegetarians.

The cost of the war in South Africa turns out to be considerably larger than was anticipated. The total army estimates for the year amount to upwards of \$92,000,000 or not far from twice as much as the net debt of Canada.

The chivalrous Boers are driving Boer women and children from their homes because their husbands and fathers refuse to fight any longer. Forty women and children, ill-clad and hungry, have arrived at Heidelberg in the Transvaal for British protection.

The Sun continues to attack Mr. Tarte just as if there had not been a general election in Canada. Our contemporary does not seem to be aware that it has done its party a great injury by its unfair and contemptible appeals to national and religious prejudices.

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SPLENDID SURPLUS. Revenues Led Expenditures in Canada BY MILLIONS

In the Past Five Months--Hon. Mr. Blair at Ottawa--Twenty Locomotives to Be Built by Kingston Works for the Intercolonial--The Vacant Senatorship.

Ottawa, Dec. 7--(Special)--A statement of revenue and expenditure of the dominion issued by the finance department shows the revenue for the five months ending November 30, to be \$21,504,705, compared with \$20,199,373 for the same time last year, or an increase of \$1,305,332.

James McMullen, M. P., was here today. It is said that Mr. McMullen's friends are backing him for the vacant seat in the House of Commons at the next election. The name of Dr. Landier is also mentioned.

Speaking to your correspondent of the result of the election in British Columbia yesterday, the minister of the Interior said that it was a gratifying answer to the discredit of campaign put up by Mr. Clarke Wallace and Sir Herbert Tupper.

On a tiny island in the Pacific, about 1,000 miles northeast of Australia, lives an American colony of vegetarians. The pioneers of the community sailed from San Francisco in 1850, under the leadership of a young Yankee skipper, Dr. Jennings.

The island is Gente Hermosa, and the lord and master there was a New Hampshire man named Jennings. In 1850 or 1853 a young Yankee skipper, Dr. Jennings, was sailing around the Horn on a whaler for the Hawaiian islands.

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MEN'S ULSTERS.

Big, warm, roomy coats that you can wrap yourself in and laugh at zero weather. And they don't bear down on your shoulders and make you feel as if you carried a load of wood on your back. At \$5.00, All Wool Canadian Friezes in black, grey and brown. High storm collars, hand warmers, all wool tweed linings, and of good length.



At \$6.00, Dark, grey, all wool Canadian Frieze Ulster, with tweed linings, high storm collar and hand warmers. At \$3.00, Dark brown and grey all wool Canadian Frieze Ulster, high storm collar, hand warmers, all wool tweed linings. A coat the winds cannot pierce. At \$10.00, An all wool Irish Frieze Ulster in a beautiful brown shade, with storm collar and hand warmers. A coat that will keep you warm in the coldest day.

REEFERS.

The Reefer's the thing for the active out-door man to keep his body warm but leaves his legs free. At \$4.00, Men's Reefers of heavy Oxford and brown Canadian Frieze, with storm collar, Tweed linings, also a blue beaver at same price. At \$5.00, An all-wool Canadian Brown Frieze Reefer and blue beaver, with storm collar and all-wool tweed linings.

GREATER OAK HALL, SCOVIL BROS. & CO., King Street, Corner Germain. St. John, N. B.

BIDDING FOR MILLIONS.

Washington, Dec. 7--Never since the birth of the navy has there been such a gathering of shipbuilders and metal kinds as were assembled in the office of the secretary of the navy at noon today to witness the opening of bids for an amount of naval construction which Secretary Long denominated as the greatest industrial event since the war.

There were eight bidders, and most of the bids were well within the limit of cost allowed by congress for the ships. The notable feature was the attempt on the part of the younger and smaller concerns to break the line of the old organizations which have constructed all of the heavy vessels of the navy up to this time.

Uncle Ifram--Did you read this here piece in the paper about the Pan-American Exposition. And Betty--No. What kind of pans are they going to exhibit?--Puck.

SOUTH AFRICA.

London, Dec. 8--Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian high commissioner in London, and Lady Strathcona, held a reception for the officers and men of the Canadian contingent now in London on their way home from South Africa, at the Imperial Institute this afternoon.

Lord Aberdeen, in a felicitous address of farewell, said they had nobly fulfilled their duty and he was sure they would be glad to get back to their country and kin. He asked them to convey the greetings of Lady Aberdeen and himself to mutual friends in the dominion.

For Dandruff rub the head well with Bentley's Liniment. Caller--I should like to see your mother if she isn't engaged. Flossie (aged five)--Engaged! Why mamma has been married ever since I knew her.--Illustrated Bits.

THE DOMINION CAPITAL.

Ottawa, Dec. 9--(Special)--Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley, of New Brunswick, arrived here today. They will have a conference tomorrow with the government in regard to the fisheries question.

It is often difficult to decide what to get your friends for holiday gifts. Here is a suggestion: "Good morning, Jennie, I have bought you a nice present," said Gertrude, as she handed her friend a neatly wrapped package.

LOVE MAKES the world go round, but a bad cough or cold knocks all the sentiment out of a person. Adams' Botanic Cough Balm will cure the cold, stop the cough, and restore the sentiment. 25c. all Druggists.



BY Facts, Fashions, AND Fancies. FOR A WOMAN.

TO MAKE FUDGE. Various Ways in Which the Toothsome Delicacy May Be Made.

Chocolate and cocoa fudge—Two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of milk, two squares of chocolate, one heaping tablespoon of cocoa butter, the size of an egg.

Chocolate fudge, No. 1—Three squares of chocolate, three cups of sugar, one and one-half cups of milk, butter the size of an egg.

Chocolate fudge, No. 2—Two and one-half cups of granulated sugar, three-quarters of a cup of milk, one tablespoonful of butter, one-quarter of a cake of chocolate.

Chocolate fudge, No. 3—Two and one-half cups of granulated sugar, one cup of milk, one cup of cocoa, melted. Roll all together five minutes, then remove from the fire.

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THE MODE. An Old Skirt Revived and the Princess Gown in Favor.

So many skirts of the plaited variety have been seen that fashion mongers have wearied of them and have revived the amazon skirt, which is perfectly plain all around and fastens at the side.

Both leaves and flowers have often a powdery appearance as if just touched with frost. Leaves are sometimes arranged in "palms" or fat wreaths all turned the same way and lapping each other over like plume.

Today's illustration pictures a bolero of red velvet. The decoration is always defined in character and usually flat. Embroideries and incrustations of lace, with a few spangles introduced, form appropriate trimming.

WHAT TO WEAR. Latest Ideas in the Realm of Fashion.

House and tea gowns are less often made with a wassail plait. The newer styles are in front which shows a profusion of lace.

Costs of the Louis Period. There is much talk of the return of Louis XV. costs—those showing a vest in front and a deep brocade-plaited busk in the back.

Choice of Laces. Women who are wise and no longer young ignore white lace altogether in favor of the cream tinted, says a foreign chronicler.

Apollo Statue. A life size marble statue of Apollo, with the head wonderfully well preserved, has been dug up near Athens.

RAILROAD FATALITIES. Accommodation Train Crashed Into a Street Car.

Pittsburg, Dec. 8.—The Cumberland accommodation on Pittsburg, on the Baltimore and Ohio road tonight, crashed into a street car on the tracks.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—A head end collision between two freight trains occurred on the Atlantic Coast line, two miles from Richmond, tonight.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Nineteen persons were injured today in an accident on the Railroad at Gray's Ferry station, in Philadelphia.

Madrid, Dec. 8.—A collision occurred today between Orzo and Vacar on the railroad from Cordova to Belmez.

Cologne, Dec. 8.—A bridge at Duffeling, in the grand duchy of Luxemburg, collapsed today as an express train was passing over it.

Washington, Dec. 8.—United States Consul Hughes at Coburg, has reported to the state department the news of the recent discovery of a large deposit of "house coal."

London, Dec. 10.—The Daily Mail has received the following by mail from its Calcutta correspondent:

Rotterdam, from its favorable situation, has gradually pulled ahead of Amsterdam, and is now the most prosperous harbor in the world.

THE CHINESE SITUATION. Twelve Europeans and 100 Natives Put to Death—Chinese Troops Besieging Missionary Stations.

Peking, Dec. 6.—Captains Wingate and Ryder who accompanied the expedition to Kaigai, returned today. During their absence they visited several places to which the Germans did not go.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The next important step in the Chinese situation will be formal presentation to the president of the agreement reached at Peking.

London, Dec. 8.—The Nicaragua canal creates only mild interest in England. The long cable despatches dealing with the probable action of the United States senate and its deliberations are read by the general public with comparatively little interest and less understanding.

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stream of information clamored for. Mr. Chamberlain, the house waited for the mask of blood to drop and the mailed hand appear, but it never came.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Mary L. McLean, the mother of John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died here at her residence at 1.30 o'clock this morning of acute heart affection.

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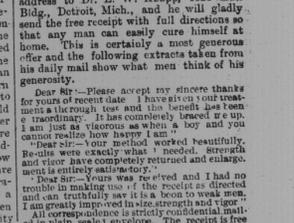
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A KNIGHT-ERRANT OF RHODESIA.

(Continued) "She didn't seem quite so jolly today when I arrived," the young man said...

Foreign Notes of Interest.

Russia proposes to increase the number of its troops on the German and Austrian boundaries to 300,000 men.

THE SHIPPING WORLD.

Steamer Prince Edward Reported Badly Damaged. STRUCK ON LONG REEF.

OPERATORS ON STRIKE

On the Atchison, Topoka and Santa Fe Railroad—A Partial Tie Up.

CONGRESS AND SENATE.

Forecast of the Measures to Be Dealt With. NO SESSION WEDNESDAY.

The Boys in Africa

Ease Their Feet with a Foot Elm powder in each shoe.

Points About People.

Young Prince von Hohenlohe Oehringen has entered the service of a large Berlin bank...

People Talked About.

Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson and her son, Lloyd Osbourne, are building two houses in San Francisco...

People Talked About.

Edgar Brehm, the youngest son of the famous German naturalist...

People Talked About.

Chief Porter, who rules the Creek Indians of Indian Territory...

People Talked About.

H. C. Frick has purchased and presented to the Kingsley Home Association of Pittsburgh a valuable estate...

People Talked About.

The late Mr. James L. Boves, who acted for many years as a Japanese Consul at Liverpool...

People Talked About.

Senator Don Fernando de Gauchalia, who was Minister to this country...

People Talked About.

J. Liberty Todd, Principal of the Public Industrial Art School in Philadelphia...

People Talked About.

Archbishop Corrigan was tendered a reception by the Catholic Club last night at the club-house on Fifty-ninth street...

People Talked About.

The presentation shield intended for Gen. Baden-Powell, which has been wrought from 200 Krugger sovereigns...

People Talked About.

Frederick Stearns of Detroit, who gave the Stearns collection of musical instruments to the University of Michigan...

People Talked About.

The London correspondent of the Birmingham Post writes: "The report that Lord Kitchener was likely to be appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary for War..."

People Talked About.

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